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In re patent application of: ) Date: January 4, 2005  
Ronald P. Sansone ) Attorney Docket No.: F-435  
Serial No.: 10/015,469 ) Confirmation No.: 4625  
Filed: December 12, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 3629  
Customer Number: 00919 ) Examiner: Edward R. Cosimano  
Title: **SYSTEM FOR A RECIPIENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT  
THEY RECEIVED NON-LIFE-HARMING MATERIALS**

**STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

More than thirty-six (36) months have passed since the filing of the above-identified patent application on December 12, 2001. No further Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicants wish to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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